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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONF: INSTRUCTIONS ON ARAB RESOLUTION
SEEKING SACTIONS OF ISRAEL FOR JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

REF: STATE 240797

1. I MET MORNING NOVEMBER 3 WITH AZIZ ALLOUNI, DIRECTOR
FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS AT FONMIN WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL
QUESTIONS AFFECTING UNESCO, TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF
DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI EXCAVATIONS IN JERUSALEM.
DREW ON STATE 240171 UNDERLINING SERIOUS EFFECT ON US
CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC OPINION IF DRAFT RESOLUTION
WERE PASSED IN PRESENT FORM. NOTED THAT CALL FOR
SANCTIONS IN OPERATIVE PARA 3 COULD CRIPPLE OUR EFFORTS
ASSURE US FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UNESCO. ALSO STRESSED
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THAT DG'S OWN REP HAD GIVEN ISRAEL GOOD MARKS RE EXCAVA-

TIONS. ALLOUNI TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF BOTH POINTS.

2. ALLOUNI SAID SYRIAN DELEGATION TO PARIS CONFERENCE HAD NOT YET FORWARDED DRAFT RESOLUTION TO FONMIN DAMASCUS. I HAVE GIVEN HIM TEXT. ALLOUNI THEN ASKED IF WE COULD ALSO GIVE HIM MODIFYING LANGUAGE USG COULD SUPPORT WHICH HE WOULD SUBMIT TO FONMIN KHADDAM FOR HIS STUDY AND DECISION. SAID I WOULD ASK IF SUCH LANGUAGE COULD BE PROVIDED. (ALLOUNI NOTED KHADDAM WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY GIVEN HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH ONGOING TALKS WITH ABU DHABI DELEGATION LED BY UAE RULER.)

3. COMMENT: DESPITE ALLOUNI'S COURTEOUS RECEPTION OF MY DEMARCHE, I AM NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT HARD LINER KHADDAM WILL AGREE TO ANY SOFTENING OF DRAFT RESOLUTION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: FORWARD ASAP ANY MODIFYING LANGUAGE WHICH DEPARTMENT DESIRES ME TO PRESENT TO SARG.
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